

In-Person Learning Response

TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools

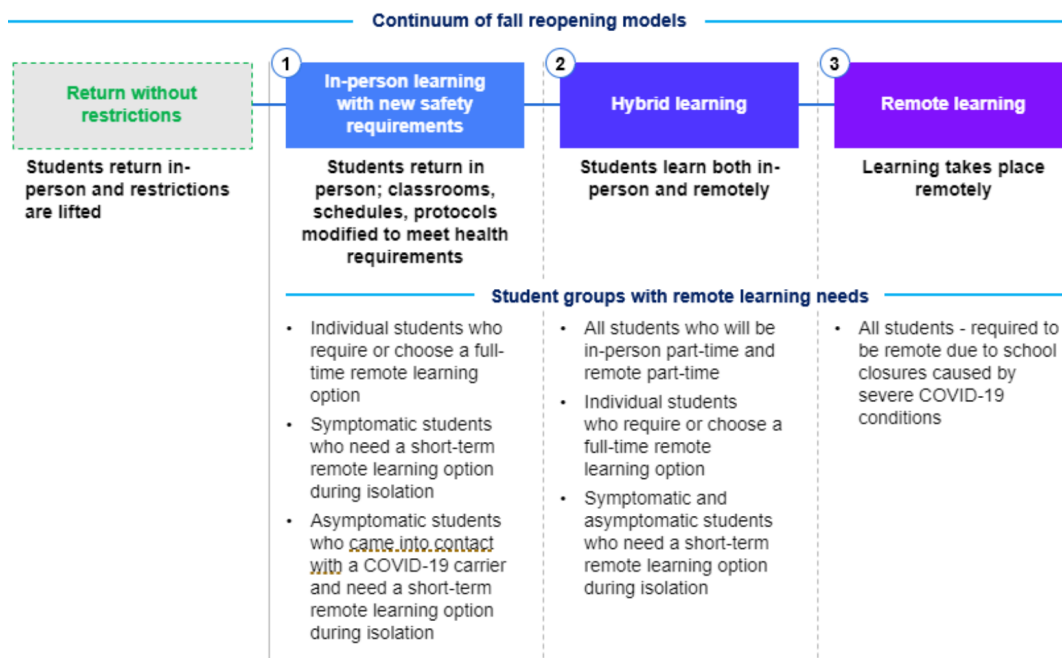
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The following report is in response to the motion by Jacqueline Doherty:

Request the Superintendent prepare a report for the committee that shares what other communities have done to enable in-person learning this fall.

On July 24, 2020, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) provided districts guidance on the various options for returning to school as described in the graphic below. DESE required districts and schools to prepare a reopening plan that included the three learning models: in-person learning with safety requirements, a hybrid of in-person and remote learning, and a comprehensive fully-remote learning program.



Below is a list of school districts, local and/or similar in size and/or needs to Lowell Public Schools, and the learning models currently utilized in those Districts for the 2020/2021 school year. For many larger districts, full remote has been the learning model in place since the start of the school year.

District	# Students	Learning Models
Lowell	14,023	Remote with full in-person for substantially separate populations
Brockton	15,384	Full Remote
Chelsea	5,936	Full Remote
Everett	6,883	Full Remote
Fitchburg	5,116	Full Remote
Framingham	8,733	Full Remote
Lawrence	12,842	Full Remote
Lynn	15,587	Full Remote
Malden	6,120	Remote with full in-person for high needs students
Methuen	6,450	Full Remote with plan to return high needs students 12/7
Revere	7,166	Full Remote
Somerville	4,691	Full Remote
Springfield	24,239	Full Remote
Worcester	23,986	Full Remote
Chelmsford	4,826	All remote on Wednesdays In-person - Monday/Tuesday Cohort and Thursday/Friday Cohort - in school for 4 hours, times vary based on grade level 30% full remote
Andover	5,574	All remote on Wednesdays In-person - Monday/Tuesday Cohort and Thursday/Friday Cohort High Needs Cohort in-person 4 days (full remote Wednesdays) Full remote option for families to select
North Andover	4,510	All remote on Wednesdays Elementary & Middle: Monday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday cohorts HS: Monday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday cohorts In-person days are 2/3 of a day 15% are full remote
Dracut	3,659	Hybrid – one week in-person, one week remote High needs students in both cohorts Full remote option for families to select